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In re Appln. of: Akira Nakano et al.

Appln. No.: 09/925,579

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APPARATUS AND SYSTEM,
PERFORMANCE VALIDATION
SYSTEM AND INSPECTION
METHOD THEREFOR

Examiner: Rudy Zervigon

Group Art Unit: 1763

Attorney Docket No: 9281-4140

Client Ref. No. CK US00016

FIFTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), Applicant hereby cites the following reference(s):

DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME
5,423,915	06/1995	Murata et al.
5,474,648	12/1995	Patrick et al.
4,645,981	02/1987	Strömke

Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

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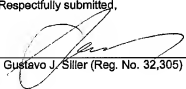
information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

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Respectfully submitted,

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